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FOR A FIREARM

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

Dear Sir:

In the above-identified application for United States Letters Patent and in response to the Office Action mailed on May 24, 2005, kindly consider the following remarks toward reconsideration of the present application.

**REMARKS**

In the Office Action dated May 24, 2005, the Examiner required Applicant under 35 U.S.C. §121 to elect a single disclosed invention for prosecution on the merits, to which the claims would be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The Examiner has asserted patentably distinct inventions to be as follows: The invention of Claims 2-4 and 8-9, and the invention of Claims 12-20.

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